

**City of Alexandria, Virginia**  
**Commission on Information Technology**

**February 17, 2022 IT Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**7:00 – 9:00 PM**  
**Virtual Meeting**

In attendance: Sara Crifasi (SC), Ricardo Alfaro (RA), Brandon Mosoriak (BM), Catharine Rice (CR), Chris Soghoian (CS), Steve Davidson (SD), Tim Casey (TC), Stephen Morris (SM), J.D. Maddox, Kelly Carmichael Booz (KC), Sundar Kanagarajan (SK), Vice Mayor Amy Jackson (AJ)

Staff: Vanetta Pledger, Steve Chozick, Smail Farid, Tori Butler, Patrick Eze, Lalit Sharma

**1. Introduction and Welcome**

**2. Approval of January 20, 2022 Minutes: unanimous**

**3. Update on City's fiber backbone project (ITS staff)**

- Updated map was shared.
- (SD): Is there an economic incentive to finish early? Steve Chozick: No, there isn't.
- (RA): Are we waiting for all conduit to be completed before installing fiber? Vanetta: Yes, we are.
- (RA): Is the same contractor installing the physical infrastructure and the fiber? Vanetta: Yes

**City's Competitive Provider Proposals**

- Ting and Lumos have been awarded broadband franchises.
- (CS): Concerned with Ting and low internet speeds for low-income families. Vanetta: All housing will be offered gig-speed internet.
- (RA): Will there be customer service for different languages? Vanetta: City has been advised both providers provide multilingual support.

**4. Digital Equity Plan (Kelly Booze and Michelle Rief)**

- Computer Core is creating a help desk.
- \$420K of ARPA funds has been set aside for Digital Equity Plan, Broadband Strategist and Policy Analyst.

**5. Legislative Committee (Sara Crifasi & Catharine Rice)**

- Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is the renamed Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB).

**6. Cybersecurity/Disinformation Committee (Stephen Morris)**

- Digital Self-Defense course available through Computer Core.

**7. City's 'One-Dig' Policy**

- Lalit Sharma, from T&ES, joined to discuss City's 'One-Dig' policy.
- There is a certain level of coordination between City departments, but there isn't a complete system in place to ensure all City departments are notified of digging.

**8. Adjourn by unanimous vote at 9:00pm. (Next meeting is March 17, 2022).**